

## Yukon Council of Archives – Annual General Meeting 2022 2022 Joint President's Report

We are pleased to report that it has been another innovative, ambitious and exciting year for YCA. Most notably, our Community Archivist, Jenny Lu, returned to work with YCA for a fifth year (remotely due to Covid 19), from July 2021 to March 2022. The Community Archivist position was generously funded through two transfer payment agreements (TPA) with the Yukon Archives. Jenny's work focused on:

- Site Visit Advisory Services
- Blueprint for Archival Development in the Yukon (BADY)
- Taking part in the Archives Advisory Services Working Group
- Working on the Indigenization of Archival and RIM Practices
- Updating YCA website resources including the creation of a an archives and RIM software list
- Working on an Archives & RIM Guidebook
- Professional Development & Training
- Supplies network with YHMA
- Conferences

Jenny worked closely with and provided advisory services to 14 member institutions including: L'Aurore boréale, l'Association franco-yukonnaise, Champagne & Aishihik First Nation, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - Yukon Chapter, Council of Yukon First Nations, Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation, First Nation of Na-cho Nyäk Dun, Old Log Church Museum, Selkirk First Nation, Société d'histoire franco-yukonnaise, Ta'an Kwach'an Council, Yukon Aboriginal Women Council, Yukon First Nation Culture and Tourism and the Yukon Status of Women Council.

Advisory services were carried out via phone conversations, email communications, Zoom meetings and some in-person visits. Please see the Community Archivist Final Report for 2021-2022 for more details on Jenny's work.

Our events this year were highlighted by three main activities:

1. AABC/YCA Joint Conference *"We walk many paths: archival journeys in BC, Yukon, and beyond"*
2. RIM Archives Policy and Procedures Development Project by Michelle Barroca
3. YCA Summit *"Visioning our Archival Future"*

1. The YCA worked closely with the Archives Association of British Columbia (AABC) to create the first ever partnered conference called *"We walk many paths: archival journeys in BC, Yukon, and beyond"* which was held in October 2021. The conference was a great success

with high attendance rates, positive feedback and the participation of many YCA members as both presenters and attendees. The conference was held virtually.

0. The RIM Archives Policy and Procedures Development Project was led by Lesley Buchan and the YCA Professional Development Committee. The project was generously funded by the Heritage Training Fund. Five institutions participated: CYFN, YNLC, CAFN, CTFN, FNNND
0. YCA Summit "*Visioning our Archival Future*" was also a great success. The summit was planned by the YCA Professional Development committee and was held virtually over Zoom in March. The summit showcased the groundbreaking work of many YCA members.

We would not have been able to run the programs and activities we have this year without generous sponsorship and support. We would like to thank the following for their support:

- The RIM Archives Policy and Procedures Development Project was made possible by funding secured from the Heritage Training Fund, provided by the Yukon Government Department of Education and administered by the Yukon Historical and Museums Association.
- The Yukon Government through the Yukon Archives, fully funds the Community Archivist position on a year-to-year basis, for which we are eternally thankful. In addition, Yukon Archives, headed by Territorial Archivist David Schlosser, continues to support YCA with in kind contributions including physical space (for this AGM), communications technology, and archives staff support. Thank you to David and to all of the Yukon Archives staff.

In terms of membership this year, we had a total of 39 members: 13 individual, 6 general and 20 institutional. Within the institutional members the breakdown is as follows: 10 Yukon First Nation governments; 5 Yukon First Nation associations; 1 provincial/territorial archives; 1 national archives, 1 museum; 1 education institution and 1 other non-profit association.

The YCA remains a volunteer-based non-profit society. The YCA is extremely lucky and thankful for its hardworking, talented, passionate and knowledgeable executive and director board members:

- President: Karly Leonard (June 2021 to February 2022; Linda Johnson (since February 2022)
- Vice-President: Nancy Vanden-Eykel
- Secretary/Treasurer: Carey Isaak (since February 2022)
- Directors: Carey Isaak (June 2021 to February 2022), Melody Hutton, Cherish Clarke, Sean Smith and Yann Herry

Lastly, the YCA could not function without the tireless and admirable efforts of three volunteer members: Lesley Buchan, who helps with finances, and Peggy D'Orsay, who manages our membership and Kaitlin Normandin who heads the Professional Development Committee.

Thank you to all of our board and volunteer members for their hard work and commitment to YCA.

Overall, this has been a wonderful year for the YCA. Through Jenny's work and through the work of our committees and volunteer members we were able to offer leading edge professional development opportunities catered to the needs of our members. We brought our voices to the national table and forged deep connections with the AABC. We are proud of the work that was accomplished in 2021/2022 and look very much forward to seeing the YCA continue to grow and flourish this year.

Thank you,  
Respectfully,

Karly Leonard  
President, YCA  
(June 2021 - February 2022)

Linda Johnson  
President, YCA  
June 27th, 2021  
(February 2021 - current)